



FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATE

Hello Friends and Family,

Happy Valentines! Our picture is from a few years ago but brings back very happy memories of our life and ministry in Ecuador. And as flowers are one of the country's

main exports, large bouquets were plentiful and inexpensive. It's a lot more expensive to be romantic in the USA! ☺ Seriously, our prayers have focused a great deal on Ecuador lately. **The pandemic has been devastating** for many, and they are also in a political season of electing a new president. We are hopeful to see relations restored between the USA and Ecuador, but time will tell. Your prayers, especially for our family and many friends in the country, are sincerely appreciated.



At the *Village Christian Academy* here in Fayetteville, **we've been celebrating our school "Spirit Week."** Each day featured a different costume theme. I am pictured with some of the amazing "minions" I have the privilege of serving with at VCA. **Our team is doing a great job of attempting to maintain as much "normalcy"** as possible for our students amid the ongoing challenges of operating a school during a pandemic. And our parents are so very appreciative, and it has even captured the attention of the broader community. We launched our re-enrollment for the 2021-2022 last week, and we saw **a 475% increase in re-enrollment activity** over the previous year. Then, yesterday, we opened up enrollment for the public, and as of this morning, we are currently processing 94 K-12 new applications, and another dozen have been started! We developed a K-12 budget for next year based on 510 students. So far, 421 have registered, and **we already have waitlists due to full grade-levels for the 2nd, 5th, and 8th**

Grades! Praising God for the great response! We are also anticipating well over 100 students enrolled in our preschool. Please continue to pray with us that we'll be able to meet and surpass our enrollment targets. Doing so will permit us to increase the level of services we provide our community.

Currently, I am in preparation for a number of **international virtual training** sessions that will take place in the coming weeks. These include a workshop for a Christian school leader's conference based in **Hungary**, serving as a panelist for a Global Education summit based in **India**, facilitating a leadership conference for a Christian school in **Haiti**, training Christian school teachers in **Brazil**, and the ongoing work with school leaders in **Vietnam**.

With the help of Tannia's sister, Gabriela, a talented graphic artist, we are also updating the www.trustedschool.org website, which hosts many of the articles I've written over the years. The site currently has over 7,600 followers, and daily we see between 50-100 visitors on average. Your prayers for the ongoing impact of this ministry tool are appreciated as well.



As always, thanks for your prayers, support, and friendship. Your partnership is vital to allow us to help so many others.

Yours for Christ,

- Toby (for Tannia, Emma, and Buttercup too!)



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